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TI Inhibition of wool follicle DNA synthesis by mimosine and related  
4(1H)-pyridones  
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AB L-mimosine (I) [500-44-7] inhibited thymidine-3H incorporation into sheep  
skin slices in vitro at 0.2 mM, but had no effect on uridine-3H or  
leucine-3H incorporation. The inhibition of thymidine-3H incorporation  
was time dependent, 2 hr incubation being required for maximal inhibition  
of DNA synthesis, and was readily reversible by removal of I from the  
**medium**. When 14 related compds. were tested, the 3-hydroxyl-4-oxo  
function appeared to be directly involved in DNA synthesis inhibition.  
The amino acid side chain was not a toxophoric center, but changes in its  
polarity affected the inhibitory activity. Apparently, the primary action  
of I on the inhibition of wool biosynthesis in vivo is the inhibition of  
follicle bulb cell DNA synthesis and consequently cell division.

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cell the binding const. of the chelator for Fe(III) becomes a dominant factor.